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SUBJECT: WORKING PARTY ON FAO COUNCIL COMPOSITION, COMMITTEES  
AND TERMS OF REFERENCE.

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1. AT GENEVA GROUP MEETING IN ROME, SEPTEMBER 8, U.S. GAVE  
A BRIEF SUMMARY OF LAST MEETING OF FAO WORKING PARTY ON THE  
COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE FAO COUNCIL AND  
SELECTED COMMITTEES, SEE ROME 12013. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION  
THAT FOLLOWED THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT NOTHING MUCH SHOULD BE  
EXPECTED FROM THIS EXERCISE, BECAUSE OF THE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE  
FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN BULA HOYOS,  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S BELIEF THAT PRESENT STRUCTURE OF FAO IS TO  
HIS ADVANTAGE, AND UNDERLYING TENSIONS BETWEEN DC AND LDC  
EFFORTS TO SHIFT BALANCE OF CONTROL.

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2. DESPITE ABOVE, NEW ZEALAND NOTED THAT REGIONAL MAKE-UP OF

WORKING PARTY GAVE GENEVA GROUP ESPECIALLY LARGE REPRESENTATION--  
FRANCE, JAPAN, SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA AND U.S. -- SO THAT EFFORT  
SHOULD BE MADE IN WORKING PARTY TO CORRECT WEAK REPRESENTATION  
IN ALL IMPORTANT FINANCE COMMITTEE. THERE WAS GENERAL ACCORD IN  
PRESSING FRENCH VICE-CHAIRMAN'S COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IN WORKING  
GROUP FOR SOME SORT OF BALANCED REGIONAL REPRESENTATION ON  
FINANCE AND PROGRAM COMMITTEES. JAPAN SUPPORTED IDEA AND  
STRESSED NEED FOR MORE GENEVA GROUP COUNTRY COORDINATION IN  
WORKING PARTY.

3. UK, CO-CHAIRMAN OF ROME GENEVA GROUP, SUGGESTED THAT THIS ITEM  
BE DISCUSSED AGAIN AT OCTOBER 5 GENEVA GROUP MEETING IN CONNECTION  
WITH REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON FAO STRUCTURE.  
IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT IF PROPOSALS WERE TO BE PRESSED IN WORKING  
PARTY, THEN MEMBER STATES SHOULD GET WORD TO THEIR REGIONAL  
REPRESENTATIVES ON WORKING PARTY. NEXT MEETING OF WORKING PARTY  
IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 26-28, BUT THERE IS DOUBT IN THE FAO  
CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT THAT THESE DATES WILL BE MET.BEAUDRY

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